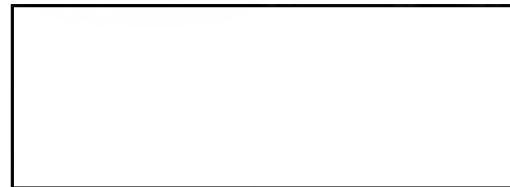


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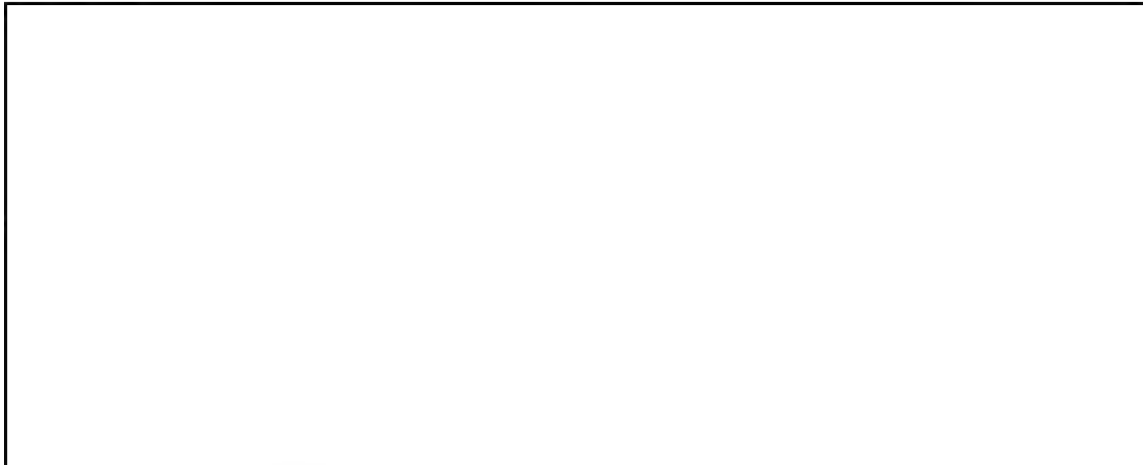
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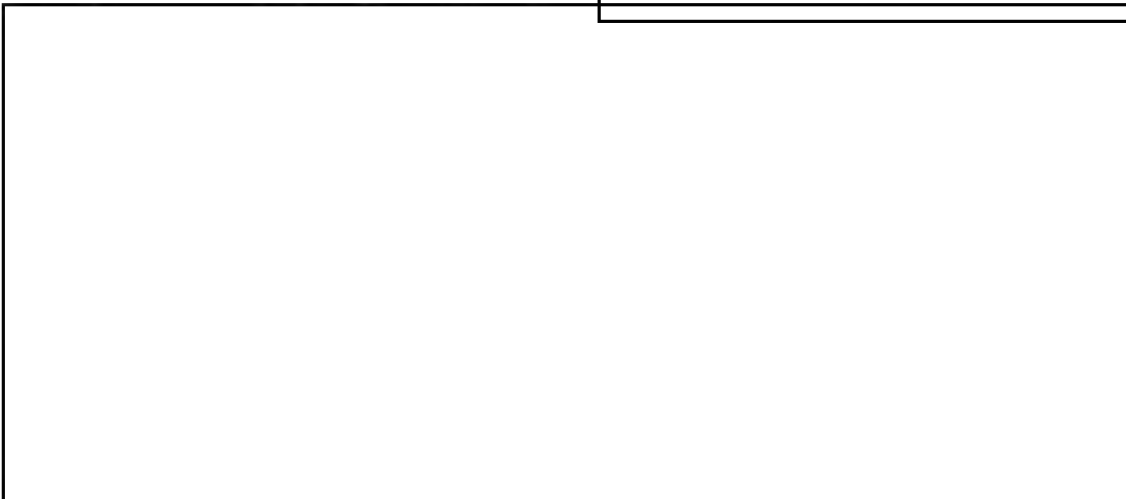
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THE SESSION OF THE RECOGNITION TALKS IN STOCKHOLM
LAST WEEK WAS MARKED BY A "MORE TRUE NEGOTIATING"
ATMOSPHERE THAN HAD PREVAILED IN EARLIER MEETINGS.
A CANADIAN EMBASSY OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, WHO GAVE
THE INFORMATION TO STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, EX-
PLAINED THIS AS "GIVE-AND-TAKE HAGGLING" OVER THE
WORDING OF A CANADIAN MINUTE THAT ATTEMPTS TO GLOSS
OVER THE QUESTION OF PEKING'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER TAIWAN.

THE HANDLING OF THE TAIWAN ISSUE HAS BEEN THE
MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS AT THE TALKS. AT THIS
POINT, PEKING APPARENTLY PREFERS TO LEAVE CANADA'S
POSITION ON THE ISLAND'S STATUS AMBIGUOUS. THE CHI-
NESE NEGOTIATOR TOLD HIS CANADIAN COUNTERPART THAT
A JOINT STATEMENT RECOGNIZING PEKING'S SOVEREIGNTY
OVER TAIWAN WAS "UNNECESSARY."

THE CANADIAN RESPONDED THAT, IF THE QUESTION OF
TAIWAN IS IGNORED IN A FINAL COMMUNIQUE, OTTAWA WOULD
WANT TO RELEASE A STATEMENT NOTING THAT IT HAS NOT
ENDORSED CHINESE TERRITORIAL CLAIMS TO THE ISLAND.

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